

would become such an legend. Scores of Minnesotans would tune into WCCO news each night and hear Dave's friendly voice as he reported the news with his warm, yet serious, demeanor.

Trained as an actor at the University of Minnesota, Dave reported the news with the spontaneity, flair, and wit that only an actor could provide. Dave's acting talents made it possible for him to venture beyond his role as an anchorman to his role on "Bedtime Nooz" where each Saturday night between 1962 and 1971 he would take a satirical look at current events.

Dave's broadcasting success was acknowledged by a number of awards and honors, including the Mitchell V. Charnley Award in 1983, as well as being named Outstanding Broadcast Personality of 1991 by the Minnesota Broadcasters Association. In addition, "The Moore Report," a documentary and public interest program hosted by Dave, won numerous awards, including the George Foster Peabody Award for its special titled "Hollow Victory: Vietnam Under Communism."

As a truly gifted orator, Dave used his talents to serve his community by doing volunteer reading for Radio Talking Books for the Blind, and making frequent visits to local elementary schools to read to the students.

A native of Minneapolis, Dave was quite content with establishing his career in the his hometown, untempted by the possibilities available to a person of his talents. Dave was the most visible personality on WCCO when it was at its pinnacle, yet that did not cause him to shy away from the public. Dave often acted in community plays and could be frequently seen around Minneapolis simply participating in life in the city he loved as just another one of its ordinary citizens.

Mr. President, I wish to offer my sincerest condolences to Dave's family and on behalf of the citizens of Minnesota reassure them that we all share in their loss. At the conclusion of his last broadcast on December 6, 1991, Dave expressed his sentiments by simply stating, "There will be no maudlin, tearful farewell, just a simple, but very heartfelt thank-you to all of you for your support down through the years. I've been very touched by it." Thank you Dave, you touched us as well.●

#### COMMENDING VICKI DONOVAN AS THE 1998 NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Vicki Donovan for being named New Hampshire's 1998 Teacher of the Year. Vicki is a fourth-grade teacher at Belmont Elementary School, where she has taught for eleven years. I commend her outstanding accomplishment and well-deserved honor.

Vicki, who lives in Belmont, will spend the next year representing New Hampshire's teachers at various statewide and regional functions. As New

Hampshire's Teacher of the Year, she will be considered for the National Teacher of the Year Award sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and Scholastic, Inc. The National Teacher of the Year Program is the oldest and most prestigious honors program to focus public attention on excellence in teaching. New Hampshire's Commissioner of Education, Elizabeth Twomey, named Vicki the Teacher of the Year.

Vicki's accomplishments as a teacher are numerous. She organized Belmont Elementary School's yearbook in her first year there, and has taught at several grade levels in the elementary school. She is involved with the Belmont Elementary School Support Group, B.E.S.T., and has served on the town's Civic Profile Committee, Government Study Group, and Youth and Education Committee.

In addition to her numerous extracurricular accomplishments, Vicki has excelled in perhaps the most important area: her students. Vicki's students say their experience with her as their teacher marked their best year in school.

New Hampshire has always been fortunate to have many talented teachers, but Vicki Donovan is certainly a role model among teachers of the Granite State. As a former teacher myself, I am proud of her commitment to education and congratulate her on this distinguished achievement.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PEGGY POSA

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to a remarkable woman from Michigan, Peggy Posa. Peggy is retiring after more than ten years of service as Executive Director of the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS).

Before Peggy Posa arrived, COTS was considered an important emergency shelter for homeless people in Detroit. By providing this service alone, COTS was a key part of the network of community organizations which serve underprivileged residents of Detroit. Under Peggy's leadership, however, COTS has grown to be considered one of Michigan's most respected providers of housing and comprehensive services for homeless people. She led COTS through an expansion and renovation of three shelter facilities; the creation of twenty-three units of permanent supportive housing for frail, elderly and mentally challenged individuals; the creation of three transitional housing programs; and the development of a variety of support services designed to assist people seeking to regain economic self-sufficiency and decent, affordable housing.

Peggy Posa is widely admired as an innovative and tireless leader on issues related to the problem of homelessness. While she is retiring from her full time responsibilities, she has said that she will continue to be involved with COTS on a part time basis. I have no doubt

that her colleagues and the people she serves are grateful for her continued dedication and support.

Mr. President, Peggy Posa and COTS can take pride in the fact that they have truly succeeded in helping people to change their lives. I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting Peggy's commitment to her community and in wishing her well in her retirement.●

#### PRESIDENT EDUARD SHEVARDNADZE

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, last Friday, January 23rd, was the birthday of President Eduard Shevardnadze. This is a man whose active and courageous involvement helped bring the cold war to a peaceful end and who is now rebuilding Georgia from a ruinous civil war. He has taken a courageous position, even in the face of assassination attempts, to bring about and maintain the independence of freedom of his native country, Georgia.

Mr. Shevardnadze is working hard to bring about difficult economic reform and to build an independent legislative branch. He has introduced some remarkable changes in Georgia: he introduced a new currency, adopted and implemented a new constitution, removed mafia leaders from powerful positions, secured the transportation of Caspian oil through Georgia and has worked hard at establishing regional cooperation with other leaders in the Caucasus and Central Asia. His dedication to furthering independence, economic prosperity and harmony in the region places him as a historic world figure. Mr. Shevardnadze's achievements should be noted and recognized on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

I ask that my letter to President Shevardnadze be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 23, 1998.

His Excellency President SHEVARDNADZE,  
President of Georgia,  
Tbilisi, Georgia.

DEAR PRESIDENT SHEVARDNADZE, I am writing to congratulate you on the occasion of your 70th birthday and to take this opportunity to acknowledge your courageous work in building a free and independent Georgia. Your initiatives in promoting and advancing the economic and political freedom of your country are well noted by your friends and admirers throughout the world and place you as a historic world figure. Please count me as one of those who acknowledges your great contributions to the creation of a better world.

As Georgia continues to develop and improve, let us hope that our nations will share the fruits of our labors through peace and security for all the newly independent states. The challenges to this are real, but with men of vision such as yourself, it is my belief that this can be accomplished.

I hope our paths will cross on the "Silk Road" before your next birthday and I can extend to you personally my best wishes and regards. Again my sincere congratulations on your birthday, please accept my heartfelt